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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

--Article I, Section I, New Jersey State Constitution

## EARLY AMERICAN "GUN CONTROL"

By Howard J. Fezell, Esq.

We approach the 21st Century saddled with a federal government that has evolved from an institution intended to protect its citizens' lives and property into one whose primary function is redistributing wealth via middle-class welfare programs. (To avoid embarrassing anyone they are called "entitlements.") Statist politicians in both major parties view the minority of people who actually produce wealth as nothing more than a source of tax revenue. Promises of more and better benefits for an increasingly dependent constituency is how statist win reelection. Making good on those promises requires the federal government, over time, to appropriate a greater percentage of whatever wealth is produced in the private sector.

That the United States was born out of an armed rebellion fueled, in large part, by resentment over excessive taxation is a bit of history that makes statist extremely uncomfortable. It should, therefore, come as no surprise that congressmen and senators who dream of an ever-expanding welfare state consistently vote to restrict individual gun ownership or even ban the production of certain classes of firearms.

Claims by extremist groups such as Handgun Control, Inc. (HCI) that "just one more" gun law is necessary to "fight crime" or "reduce the level of violence" are simply a smoke screen. HCI is run by statist whose objective is the total disarmament of ordinary people. They are savvy political professionals with enormous patience who are willing to disarm you in increments, if need be. However long it takes, to HCI the best "gun control" is gun prohibition.

In the minds of people who promote the expansion of government power at the expense of individual liberty, gun prohibition makes perfect sense. In fact, it is essential. Middle class welfare programs (e.g. Medicare and Social Security) along with interest payments

on the national debt currently consume more than half of all federal expenditures. It

is only a matter of time, perhaps less than a decade, until "discretionary" spending on defense, law enforcement, parks, roads, etc., is relegated to less than one-third of the total. Sooner rather than later something has to give. Either the federal welfare apparatus will have to shrink dramatically or taxes will have to go up. But what would happen if 50,000,000 Americans "just say no" to forking over more of their hard-earned money? Massive civil disobedience by ordinary people who, if necessary, could defend themselves is a statist's worst nightmare. On the other hand, the populace will be much easier to intimidate if it has already been disarmed.

Disarmament of people kept (or to be kept) in servitude has historical precedent dating back to ancient times. The history of "gun control" in America shows that it has been used repeatedly to keep supposedly less worthy people "in their place."

### Restrictions On Slaves, Free Negroes & Roman Catholics

The state of Maryland (where I practice law) offers a good example of how "gun control" has been used to keep people in their place. Maryland was first settled by English colonists in 1631. Within a few decades, numerous plantations had been established which required a substantial amount of manpower. Much of the labor was provided by African slaves who, doubtless, would have preferred to be free. A rebellion of armed slaves could have laid waste to the plantation system, jeopardizing the economic viability of the entire colony. This possibility was not lost on wealthy planters. To help keep slaves "in their place" the colonial assembly (comprised largely of slave owners) passed Maryland's very first gun control law. Chapter XLIV, XXXII of the Acts of 1715 provided:

That no Negro or other slave within this province shall be permitted to carry any gun, or any other offensive weapon, from off their master's land, without license from their said master; and if any Negro or other slave shall presume to do so, he shall be liable to be carried before a justice of the peace, and be whipped, and his gun or other offensive weapon shall be forfeited to him that shall seize the same and carry such Negro so offending before a justice of the peace.

During the French and Indian Wars Roman Catholics (referred to disparagingly as "Papists") were suspected of having sympathies with the French. In 1756 the colonial government in Maryland ordered the surrender of all arms or ammunition in their possession. (52 Maryland Archives, at 454) In 1806, Maryland passed a law making it unlawful for "any Negro or mulatto within this state to keep any dog, bitch or gun, except he be a free Negro or mulatto, and in that case he may be permitted to keep one dog, provided that such free Negro or mulatto shall obtain a license from the justice of the peace for that purpose." (Acts of 1806, Chap. LXXXI) Although a "free Negro or mulatto" (as distinct from those kept as slaves) could apparently possess firearms, it became unlawful for them to "go at large with any gun, or other offensive weapon." (LD, Section II) It is interesting to note that the keeping of dogs was also restricted. As any police K-9 unit can demonstrate, a properly trained dog can be a formidable weapon. Restrictions such as those imposed by the Acts of 1715 and 1806 were part of widespread efforts in the South to limit the availability of firearms to blacks, both slave and free. See Robert J. Cottrol & Raymond T. Diamond, *The Second Amendment: Toward an Afro-Americanist Reconsideration*, Vol. 80 Georgetown Law Journal, 309, at 335-338 (1991).

### Black Civil War Veterans

Victory of Union forces in the War Between the States and ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment in 1865 brought an end



to slavery in the United States. The Union's victory was due, in no small part, to the efforts of approximately 180,000 to 200,000 blacks who had served in the Union Army and comprised about ten percent of the grand total. (Parish, *The American Civil War*, at 259) At least two-thirds of these troops had been slaves at the beginning of the war. *Id.* They were now free and trained in the use of arms. Needless to say, their former owners were not thrilled at this development. Black soldiers, once mustered out of the Union Army, were not well received by Southern whites. (Glatthar, *Forged In Battle: The Civil War Alliance of Black Soldiers and White Officers*, at 252-253) Many whites viewed these veterans as "runaways" who had been fighting against their old masters and now returned "full of the impudent notions of a freeman". *Id.* Southerners no longer had a need to disarm slaves who otherwise might use force to secure their freedom. However, the idea of former slaves bearing arms was cause for considerable dismay among whites. (Cottrol & Diamond, *supra*, at 342-46) Southern whites also realized that it would be far easier to discourage blacks from acting upon the "notions of a freeman" if they were unarmed and had no effective means to resist intimidation by their former masters. Not long after the War Between the States, Maryland adopted a new constitution. During the constitutional convention of 1867 the right to keep and bear arms was debated in the form of an amendment to what is now Article 28 to the Maryland Declaration of Rights. Many delegates to that convention, who were either former slave owners or had served as officers in the Confederate army, were not about to guarantee the right of freed blacks to own guns. According to *Debates of the Maryland Constitutional Convention of 1867*, at 150-51:

Article 28 was read as follows: "That a well regulated militia is the proper and natural defense of a free government."

Mr. Giddings moved to amend by adding after the word "government" the words, "and every citizen has the right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state."

Mr. Garey moved to amend the amendment by inserting the word "white" after the word "every".

After some discussion, Mr. Giddings' amendment failed. White fear over free blacks owning guns was the critical factor in defeating the adoption of a right to keep and bear arms in Maryland's Constitution of 1867. Maryland was not alone in seeking to prohibit blacks from having access to firearms. During Reconstruction "black codes" were enacted in the former Confederate states to make it difficult for newly freed slaves to possess firearms, vote, or own property. (Halbrook, *That Every Man Be Armed: The Evolution of a Constitutional Right*, at 108) As but one

example, within six months of the war's end the State of Mississippi passed an "Act to Regulate the Relation of Master and Apprentice Relative to Freedmen, Free Negroes, and Mulattoes." This made it unlawful for any "freeman, free Negro or mulatto" who was not in the U.S. military or licensed by the police to "keep or carry fire-arms of any kind, or any ammunition". *Id.* In 1865, however, police in Mississippi were not about to issue firearms licenses to anyone who was not white.

### Immigrants

African slaves, freed blacks, and 18th century Roman Catholics were by no means the only targets of "gun control", nor were such measures limited to Southern states. In 1911 New York State enacted the Sullivan Law, which required a license to possess a handgun. At the same time, the *New York Tribune* complained about the carrying of handguns by "ignorant and quarrelsome immigrants of law-breaking propensities". (Kopel, *The Samurai, the Mountie, and the Cowboy: Should America Adopt the Gun Controls of Other Democracies?* at 342-43) Many of these "quarrelsome" immigrants were nothing more than honest, hard-working, Italian shopkeepers who refused to be shaken down by the New York City police, who were predominantly of Irish descent. Irish immigrants to the United States had been on the receiving end of terrible discrimination since their arrival in large numbers in the 1840s and 1850s. However, after 70 years in America, they had become firmly entrenched as part of New York's political establishment. It was their turn. By denying handgun licenses to people from immigrant groups the police deemed "quarrelsome", the Irish political machine made it easier to impose its will on more recent arrivals, such as Italians and Eastern European Jews. In the early 20th century other states, notably Oregon, California and Hawaii, enacted restrictions on the purchase or possession of handguns by immigrants. (Kopel, *supra*, at 343)

"Gun control" in America has often meant gun prohibition for people who, because of their race, religion, ethnic origin, or condition of servitude, were considered a threat to those in power. As we enter the 21st century, rates of taxation have reached oppressive levels. To statists (who seek only to expand government power) growing resentment on the part of people who work, produce wealth and pay oppressive taxes presents a serious threat. Disarming ordinary Americans who will be called upon to pay ever higher taxes is seen by them as necessary to minimize that threat.

## THE FIRST AMENDMENT TAKES A HIT

Back in 1993 Lawrence T. Horn hired James Perry to murder a family member so he could collect an estate worth \$1.7 million. Before the murder, Perry read *Hit Man: A Technical Manual for Independent Contractors* sold by Paladin Press.

Family members sued Paladin, claiming *Hit Man* provided Perry with a "blueprint for murder." After the school shooting in Littleton, Colorado, defense attorneys for Paladin thought public sentiment was not in their favor and settled the federal lawsuit out of court. As a part of the settlement, Paladin agreed to pay an undisclosed amount of money and stop selling the book.

Supporting Paladin were the 13,500 members of the Society of Professional Journalists who claimed the suit threatens the right of free speech.

Bob Vanderet, a Los Angeles lawyer who represents movie studios, TV and book publishers, said the decision is making Hollywood nervous.

## POINT WELL MADE

A caller to the *Bo Gritz Show* made an interesting observation: Whenever someone like Hussein or Gadaffi (and others of that ilk) gives a speech at a political rally, tens of thousands of the spectators have full-auto AK-47s hanging from their shoulders, yet that leader feels perfectly safe.

In our country the exact opposite is true. When the president gives a speech at a public rally, the Secret Service looks for, and will pounce upon, anyone who even looks like he might be carrying a weapon.

It seems that when a government trusts the citizens with arms an equal level of trust is shown towards that government. On the other hand, when a government distrusts its citizens with arms the same distrust is held by the citizens. Contempt is a two-edged sword.

We are witnessing this in America today. The more distrust Washington shows toward gun owners, the more the distrust grows towards Washington. Any politician could speak before any fully armed militia meeting with absolutely nothing to fear. If this bond of trust can work for political screwballs such as Hussein and Gadaffi, how much more successful would it be in the U.S.?

Something to think about, Washington.

## CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TAKES PROTESTERS VERY SERIOUSLY

Last September at a pro-gun rally at Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Canada, protesters demonstrated against the government's draconian gun grab.

"Can any of you seriously say the Bill of Rights could go through Congress today? It wouldn't even get out of committee."

--F. Lee Bailey



The Canadian government was ready for trouble -- big time. According to RCMP records there were four snipers on rooftops armed with .308 cal. Winchester Model 70 rifles. Seventeen MP5 and H&K submachine guns were also issued to police.

RCMP Inspector Al Nause said because binoculars were issued to the four rooftop gunmen, they were officially classified as "observers." (A rose by any other name...)

Now consider Canadian Senator Pierre-Claude Nolin's call for the government to legalize and distribute drugs. What the hell is going on up there? First they take guns away from the people and now they want to give them drugs? The only comfort we can take from this is that there may be a federal government in this hemisphere more reprobate than Washington. No easy accomplishment.

### BRAZIL CALLS FOR TOTAL BAN ON PRIVATE FIREARMS

"Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso will send to Congress a gun bill aimed at turning Brazil from a haven for violence into one of the world's toughest places to buy and carry firearms.

"The law would ban the sale of firearms across Brazil, except to the army, law enforcement and private security firms, Cardoso said in his weekly radio address," reported Reuters May 25, 1999.

The bill, if passed, will require everyone to turn in their firearms. Anyone caught carrying a firearm would face a two year prison term and fines of up to \$115,000.

Sao Paulo, Brazil's largest city, averaged 13 murders a day in 1997 as compared to New York's two per day.

The proposed legislation has given birth to an organization called the National Association of Arms Owners and Retailers (ANPCA). *"We are defending our right to life. Our mission is to counter the campaign for disarmament,"* said ANPCA public relations director Leonardo Arruda.

### ACLU MIGHT AID NJM NEWSLETTER READERS

We never thought the day would come when the ACLU would defend readers of militia newsletters. It seems a prisoner in Colorado who was refused our newsletter contacted the ACLU. Here's the letter we received:

"The ACLU of Colorado has been investigating censorship of incoming publications at the Colorado Department of Corrections (DOC). We understand that DOC officials as Colorado State Penitentiary recently refused to allow into the facility April 1999 Volume IV, Issue No. X of your publication.

"We understand you may be the publisher of this publication and if so, we are asking for your assistance...

"In conducting this investigation, we need to examine not only the paperwork that is given to the prisoner which contains the purported reasons for the censorship, but we also need to examine the excluded material itself. I am writing to you to request a copy of the April 1999 Volume IV, Issue No. X of New Jersey Militia.

"Additionally, we are wondering if you had any other problems with your publication being excluded from correctional facilities in Colorado? If so, I would be interested in hearing what has occurred and what material have been excluded. We are considering pursuing a lawsuit against DOC on behalf of publishers as well as inmates and would be interested in your input in this matter.

"Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation. We are looking forward to hearing from you."

Sincerely,  
Melissa Davis  
Paralegal

Dear Ms. Davis,  
Thank you for your letter of May 20, 1999.

As requested we have enclosed a copy of the *NJM Newsletter*, Vol. IV, Issue No. X.

To our knowledge the *NJM Newsletter* has also been barred from the Buena Vista Correctional Institution at Buena Vista, Colorado...

We don't always know what exactly angers the censors, but enclosed herein is other material we include with the first issue to new subscribers.

Thank you for your interest. We would appreciate being apprised of any action ACLU-Colorado might take in regard to censorship of the *NJM Newsletter*.

In defense of liberty,  
New Jersey Militia

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The ACLU in Indiana might possibly help prisoner-readers there too. -- Ed.

ACLU of Indiana  
1031 Washington St.  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202

Dear ACLU-Indiana,

*New Jersey Militia Newsletters* recently sent to the prison at Pendleton, Indiana 46064 have been returned to us unopened and stamped "Refused. NOT ALLOWED."

Mr. X, #XXXXXX, a subscriber for several years was interrogated by the state police, apparently classified a militiaman (i.e. a gang member), and the last we heard he was waiting to be placed in AD SEG (administrative segregation). Newsletters sent to Mr. Y #YYYYYY and Mr. Z #ZZZZZ have also been refused. Enclosed for your information is a copy of our envelope to Mr. Z postmarked Feb. 27, 1999, and returned to us by prison authorities...

Perhaps you will be interested in these censorship cases. Possibly even more troubling is the apparent labeling of militia newsletter readers as gang members deserving of "special treatment."

We would appreciate being apprised of any action ACLU-Indiana might take in regard to these matters.

New Jersey Militia

### A COP'S THOUGHTS ON GUN CONTROL

Let me start out by saying that one of the biggest misconceptions around today is that the police are in favor of more gun control. Any officer that has worked the streets for more than a month realizes it just doesn't work. It hasn't worked in the past, doesn't work now and will not work in the future. It won't work because the only people who will obey the law are the ones we, as police officers, don't have to worry about.

I, like any other law enforcement officer, took an oath to uphold the law and the Constitution when I was sworn in. Having done this there is no way I can support laws which restrict and erode our constitutional rights. Gun control actually makes a police officer's job more difficult as more and more of the citizenry are unarmed and prey to criminals.

I could type on and on about this topic as it is one of my pet peeves. I will conclude this page by just typing a few things about gun control that I think everybody should know.

1) The Second Amendment means what it says.

2) The Second Amendment was so important it was only preceded by the First Amendment.

3) Without the Second Amendment, the First Amendment is meaningless.

4) When guns are outlawed only criminals will have guns (old bumper sticker, but I prefer the next one.)

5) When guns are outlawed only the government will have guns.

6) The cities in this country with the strictest gun control have the highest crime rates.

7) In contrast, the cities with the least gun control have lower crime rates.

8) Cities and states that have enacted concealed carry legislation have seen reductions in their violent crime rates.

9) Criminals are more afraid of confronting an armed victim than being apprehended by the police.

10) No one, including the federal government, has the right to deny your most effective means of self-defense. [Note: the federal government has no "rights", just the unlawful power to abuse rights.]

Folks, if you do not realize it yet, we are at a crossroads in our country. We face the risk of losing our right to possess firearms because it is seen as a means to reduce crime. If you are as



concerned about this as I am, then you need to get involved in the political process. Read the news, check on upcoming legislation in the Congress, your State House, and in your city. The other thing you need to do is get involved with organizations that are fighting everyday for your Second Amendment rights. If you do not get involved now, your children will not enjoy the same freedoms that you and I now take for granted. Please do not let our country become like most of Europe is now.

## A POINT WELL MADE

"Now let's see if I understand this correctly: President Clinton has ordered our forces [in Yugoslavia] to engage an entrenched, politically motivated enemy, backed by the Russians, on their home ground, in a foreign civil war, in difficult terrain, with limited military objectives, with bombing restrictions, boundary and operational restrictions, uneasy allies, far across the ocean, with uncertain goals, without prior consultation with Congress, having the potential of escalation, while limiting the forces as his disposal, and while the majority of Americans are opposed to, or are at best uncertain about, the value of the action being worth American lives.

"So, what was it that Clinton was opposed to during Vietnam?"

--Lt. Gen. Tom Griffin, USA (Ret.)

## THE 10 MOST WANTED CRIMINALS

### --LIBERTARIAN VIEW--

1) U.S. Customs Commissioner Raymond Kelly. Crime: Accessory to sexual assault. "Last year, U.S. Customs employees under Kelly's command ordered 2,797 international airline passengers to strip off their clothes at gun point, intimately groped them, and conducted humiliating body cavity searches," said Libertarian party chairman Steve Dasbach. "Ordinary Americans who behave this way are called sex criminals, but Customs inspectors who behave like perverts are given promotions." [Note: all quotes are by Dasbach.]

2) Justice Department Asset Forfeiture Division Chief Jerry McDowell. Crime: Grand larceny. "Last year, the Justice Department confiscated 42,454 cars, boats, houses, and other belongings -- valued at over \$604 million -- from Americans who were never convicted of any crime. That's theft on a mind-boggling scale, and makes Jerry McDowell one of the criminal masterminds of the century."

3) Marine Corporal Clemente Banuelos. Crime: Murder. "In 1997, Banuelos and three fellow Marines on an anti-drug patrol in Redford, Texas, gunned down 18-year-old Ezequiel Hernández as he was herding goats near the Mexican border. Why is cold-blooded murder not considered murder when

committed by someone wearing a Marine Corps insignia?"

4) President Bill Clinton. Crime: International terrorism. "Osama bin Laden made the FBI's Most Wanted list for killing 224 people in embassy bombings -- yet Clinton has killed literally thousands of innocent civilians during his undeclared and unconstitutional war in Yugoslavia. That kind of mass murder of innocents should not go unpunished by a civilized nation."

5) Former NHTSA director Joan Claybrook. Crime: Accessory to murder. "As head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in the 1970s, Claybrook forced automakers to install air bags, many of which have malfunctioned and exploded, killing 115 people. If death-by-regulation isn't a crime, it should be -- and Claybrook should be the first person prosecuted."

6) Social Security Commissioner Kenneth S. Apfel. Crime: Investment fraud. "If an ordinary American did what Apfel and his Social Security co-conspirators do -- run a retirement program where the only assets are billions of dollars of IOUs -- they would be in jail faster than you can yell 'AARP!' Why is the government's Ponzi Scheme, where new investors are paid with money from old investors, not shut down like any other criminal pyramid scheme would be?"

7) Attorney General Janet Reno. Crime: Conspiracy to commit murder. "Not even the Mafia would do what Janet Reno ordered done on April 19, 1993: Assault a religious compound [community, not compound--Ed.] with tanks, military helicopters, and poison gas. Yet that's what happened in Waco, Texas -- killing 69 men, women, and children. Son of Sam is in jail for committing serial murder: Why isn't Janet Reno?"

8) FBI sniper Lon Horiuchi. Crime: Murder. "In 1992, Horiuchi used a high-powered rifle to assassinate Vicki Weaver in Ruby Ridge, Idaho, as she stood in her kitchen holding her 11-month-old infant daughter. You may not like the political views of her husband, white separatist Randy Weaver, but that shouldn't have given the government the right to declare open season on his family."

9) Drug czar Barry McCaffrey. Crime: Kidnapping, false imprisonment. "Under McCaffrey's direction, 695,200 people were arrested in 1997 for marijuana offenses, 87% of whom were accused of mere possession. For this victimless crime, these people were arrested at gunpoint, dumped into jail cells, and deprived of their liberties -- while millions of violent criminals were allowed to run free. That's the real crime."

10) U.S. Rep. Bill McCollum (R-FL). Crime: Illegal telephone tapping. "Last year, McCollum inserted a roving wiretap provision into the Intelligence Authorization Act of 1998 -- giving federal agents the power to eavesdrop on anyone's phone calls without a

court order. Unauthorized eavesdropping is a crime. Let's prosecute Rep. McCollum for it," said Dasbach.

When asked if any of these "criminals" will ever end up behind bars, Dasbach said, "Perhaps not. But it's nice to dream about an America where equal justice under the law is a reality. And if nothing else, it would be nice if some of these most wanted criminals became some of America's least wanted politicians."

## LENO YUK

"President Clinton was on hand when theater owners announced they're going to require young people to show ID's before being allowed into R-rated movies. Clinton said if the photo ID thing works in movie theaters, he's thinking about trying it at some of our nuclear weapons labs."

--Jay Leno, *The Tonight Show*

## THE STORY BEHIND "TAPS"

It all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night Captain Ellicombe heard the moan of a soldier who lay mortally wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, he decided to risk his own life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the captain reached the soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When he finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The captain lit a lantern. Suddenly, he caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, he enlisted in the Confederate army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission to give his son a full military burial. He asked if the Army band could play a dirge at the funeral.

The request for a full band was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But out of respect for the father he was offered one musician. The captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of his dead son's uniform.

The music was the haunting melody we know as "Taps" that is used at all military funerals. These are the words to "Taps":

Day is done,

Gone the sun,

From the lakes,

From the hills,

From the sky.



All is well.  
Safely rest.  
God is high.

— Bob Ross via e-mail

## BUTT BUG?

"Reputed mobster Vincent 'Gigi Portalla' Marino claimed for years that surgery to remove a bullet from his buttocks also included an unwelcome addition: a federal tracking device," the AP reported June 15, 1999.

Marino had claimed that he was once asked by a DEA agent to sign a form so the government could remove the device from his body.

Said U.S. District Judge Nathaniel Gorton, "Sounds like some DEA agent trying to be funny." He granted Marino's request to force the government to tell him the truth.

## GUN BUYBACK...PATRIOT STYLE

When Y2K expo operator Chuck Ball read that the Waukesha County, Wisconsin, Voluntary Gun Disposal Program offered \$50 gift certificates for firearms he decided to offer \$75 cash.

*"I will keep weapons in the hands of responsible citizens who can protect themselves in any situation, whether it's Y2K or anything else,"* said Ball.

Needless to say city officials were not pleased. *"Let the insanity reign. Why do you need a gun for the turn of the century?"* asked Pewaukee Police Chief Ed Baumann.

Ball eventually called off the buyback plan complaining that he was intimidated by local and state police, the BATF, and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection.

*"The only reason we called off the gun buyback at the expo was because they sent in an inspector from the DATCP. He made it pretty clear that if he found any violation he was basically going to lock the doors and shut the expo down,"* said Ball. However, both local law enforcement and the district attorney said Ball's plans were legal and violated no laws.

Promoters of the gun buyback program, Crime Stoppers, brought the pressure to bear that forced Ball to back down. Crime Stoppers admitted that after Ball announced his plan they received an anonymous donation of \$5000 to help outbid Ball's offer.

## GUN SHOWS THRIVING

With all the flap coming out of Washington about tighter restrictions on gun shows and sales, gun show attendance is booming. *"It's one thing to come to a gun show and look around and buy. It's another when people are coming to oppose something,"* said Rex Kehrl, a gun show promoter in Little Rock, Arkansas.

*"They want to make a stand. They think their rights are going to be taken away soon, so they're stocking up,"* said customer Mike Jones.

Show organizers say that the number of people attending gun shows has doubled.

*"They don't trust the government any more. This might be the only place left that they have to talk about these things,"* said dealer Fred Bush.

A salesman at Dillon Precision, who sells reloading equipment, told us that reloading sales have increased 2000% since President Clinton has been in the White House. *"He (Clinton) is the best salesman we've ever had,"* said Dillon.

## ONE THIRD OF U.S. HOUSEHOLDS HAVE GUNS

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention did a survey on firearms ownership and came up with the figure that 33% of American households have firearms.

Why did the CDCP conduct the survey? They want to know how many households keep their firearms loaded and unlocked--about 22%.

## AL GORE GETS RELIGION

—By Tom Adkins

Get down on your knees, America!

Uh...no, not like that, SILLY. That was the old Democrats. This time, get on your knees for the new Democrats. Praise the Lord! Al Gore "got religion."

Just in time for the election.

Remember all that "separation of church and state" stuff? Remember the hysteria about the "Christian Right"? And the horror of faith-based schools? Or allowing "God" in the classroom? Forget it. All is forgiven. See...there's an election to win, and Al Gore is down 20 points.

Gore must get to the presidential promised land. After 40 years of relentless attacks on religion, Democrats took a poll and guess what they found out? God is cool again. Suddenly, Al Gore has seen the light.

Yessir! When Al Gore is president, we'll have an old fashioned foot-stompin' prayer-tent revival every Sunday, right on the South Lawn. Maybe we'll get a Madonna shrine in the Rose Garden, too. And if we're lucky, Gore will personally deliver a daily sermon from the White House balcony. Hallelujah! Liberals embracing religion! I must admit, I never expected poll-driven morality could work miracles. Who ever thought Dick Morris would be the toll-collecting messiah on the bridge to the 21st century?

This isn't the first time Al Gore has come to the mountain. It's hard to pick his greatest conversion. Maybe his flip from pro-life to pro-abortion. Or his pious demand for campaign finance reform, while he laundered money through those naughty Buddhists. And how about that quasi-heart-felt speech blaming tobacco for his sister's death, about 10 minutes

after swearing to tobacco growers he "hoed it, hugged it, loved it, kissed it" and otherwise stuffed it into his under shorts?

Even wife Tipper has joined the hustle. Now mental illness is her pet project, no doubt to be accompanied by a byzantine mess of government programs ready to take over your life the next time you spend a night cuddled with your cat and a pint of Ben & Jerry's. I wonder what sort of program she has in mind for men of power who pathologically molest women? And those who exhibit blind allegiance to them? Or for women who dotingly cling to them?

"Gore's Hallelujah" is being touted as a smart political move. Really? What on earth inspires Gore's brain trust to think the believers will flock to a man who has all the insincerity of Bill Clinton, without the charm? Liberals may open up their tent to criminals, rapists and liars, even when they become president. But can you see Paul Weyrich sharing a tent with Barney Frank and Sid Biumenthal?

Bill Clinton may have proved you can fool enough of the people enough of the time, but Gore and his handlers have miscalculated. People who actually believe in God are always ready to forgive and accept the converted. But acceptance requires sincerity. Sincerity demands accountability. Where was Gore when Bill Clinton sullied his marriage, his presidency and the Oval Office carpet, breaking most of the Ten Commandments in the process? Gore expediently prayed at the altar of political power. Like he always has.

To the naive, this probably seems like a good gamble. After two terms of Bill Clinton, who can underestimate the power of insincerity? Even Jim Bakker has a TV show again. But I'm guessing that God-fearing folk won't believe him. And I'm guessing that Gore comes across a lot more like Elmer Gantry than Billy Graham. Jim and Tammy Faye notwithstanding.

God-fearing doesn't always equate to being dopey. Real God-fearing people know religious conversions come from the heart and soul, not from polling data.

In the end, Gore will use religion like Democrats use all their pet special interest groups at election time. They court women even as they molest them. They fawn over black Americans even as they sell them down the river to entitlement slavery. We always knew Gore was just another liberal temporarily pimping for votes.

That's why in the 2000 election, Al Gore hasn't got a prayer.

## GOD HATERS

Reuters reports that President Clinton objects to the measure approved by the House of Representatives that permits the Ten Commandments to be posted in public schools.

*"I think it raises constitutional questions. The idea that the schools ought to build the character of children I think is a very good*



idea. But it ought to be done in a way that respects the wide diversity of our student body, and that doesn't lead to a long, drawn-out legal challenge." "Wide diversity" is spelled h-u-m-a-n-i-s-m.

The predominant faith of the United States is Christian. Which said faith does not constitute a state religion like the Church of England. We don't have a national church but do have a predominant national faith, as does virtually every other nation on earth. Opposing a state sponsored church or denomination is justifiable, governmental opposition to a nation's predominant faith is not. But that's basically what Washington has been doing over the years through legislation and with help from the courts. As Dan Quayle so aptly put it, **"Separation of church and state means all state and no church."** It's a sad spectacle when the Constitution becomes a golden calf for some people through flawed interpretation. Many people interpret the Constitution, as well as the Bible, the way they would have wanted it written.

Of course people of all faiths, and those who reject religion altogether, could be accommodated if the public school monopoly were ended and parents were free to send children to the school of their choice.

As to opposing the Christian faith another firestorm is brewing at Fort Hood, Texas, where the Army has accepted witchcraft as a recognized religion. The Christian Coalition, the Traditional Values Coalition and the American Family Association (2.1 million members) are calling for Christians to refuse to join or re-enlist in the Army until paganism is banned.

**"Until the Army withdraws all official support and approval from witchcraft, no Christian should enlist or re-enlist in the Army, and Christian parents should not allow their children to join the Army,"** said Paul M. Weyrich, president of the Free Congress Foundation.

But Ft. Hood officials refuse to ban Wicca, which believes in gods and goddesses and celebrates cycles of the sun and moon.

## MARINE DISCHARGED FOR REFUSING ANTHRAX VACCINE

Lance Corp. Jared Schwartz was given 30 days in the brig, reduced in rank to private and given a bad conduct discharge for refusing an anthrax vaccination.

The prosecutor, Marine Captain Brian Cosgrove, said it was a "cut and dry" case because Schwartz refused a direct order. The court would not allow evidence concerning the dangers of anthrax vaccines as a defense, thereby allowing Schwartz to deal with the refusal alone.

As they say, military justice is to justice what military music is to music.

## BUSH SIGNS LAW BANNING GUN LAWSUITS IN TEXAS

**"Governor Bush does not believe the manufacturers of a legal product should be held responsible for the criminal misuse of that product,"** according to a statement issued from his office.

The law will prevent Texas cities from filing lawsuits against gun makers. Bush also supported legislation during his first term allowing Texans to carry concealed weapons.

## BUY YOUR .50 CAL. WHILE YOU CAN

Single-shot bolt action .50 caliber rifles may soon fall into the category of machine guns if Washington gun grabbers get their way.

Representatives Blagojevich, Waxman and Norton have introduced H.R. 2127, **The Military Sniper Regulation Act of 1999.**

The proposed legislation asserts that: "The intended use of these long-range firearms, and an increasing number of models derived directly from them, is the taking of human life and the destruction of materiel, including armored vehicles and such components of the national critical infrastructure as radar and microwave transmission devices."

We know of no such incidents ever having occurred involving any .50 caliber. Suffice to say this legislation is being prompted by fictional accounts that exist only in the imaginations of the gungrabbing legislators.

You can expect an introduction of the new .49 Caliber sniper rifle if this legislation actually passes.

## SECESSION...AGAIN?

**"Lincoln once said that a house divided against itself would not stand. Lincoln was wrong. A house divided will stand. It's called a duplex,"** says George Kalas, national chairman of the Southern Party.

"Organizers of the Southern Party have registered with the Federal Election Commission and with the secretaries of state in Florida, Georgia, Texas and Virginia. By August the party hopes to be established in all 11 states of the old Confederacy as well as Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Oklahoma and West Virginia.

"Since 1992 the Southern Focus Polls from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill have asked whether the South would be better off as a separate nation, if that could be achieved without bloodshed. Between 8 percent and 16 percent of Southerners have agreed at any given time, and up to 9 percent of non-Southerners have accepted the premise," reported the AP June 6, 1999.

The Old South isn't the only part of the country pushing for sovereignty. Both Hawaii and Alaska want out also. Who can blame them?

## Letter-to-the-Editor

Reviewing the Jan. 1999 newsletter article "Mayors Face Lawsuit by Gun Owners Group" I as a former member of the Second Amendment Foundation wish to bring comment on SAF and its founder Alan Gottlieb.

Gottlieb might say that the SAF is going to sue Chicago and New Orleans, but I see it as the normal feint to draw in funds to SAF and no lawsuits will ever be filed!

Talk with firearms owners where SAF is based, ask them about Gottlieb and the SAF pushing and backing bills for gun locks!

A real defender of the Second Amendment is Gunowners of America, and its leader Larry Pratt, not the Second Amendment Foundation and Gottlieb.

Thanks for your work in presenting the New Jersey Militia Newsletter each month!

G.J.

Denver, Colorado

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